

# **CHAPTER 7**

## **STANDARDS OF FILL**

### **METRIC STANDARDS OF FILL**

- **STANDARDS**

Wine bottled on or after January 1, 1979 must be bottled in one of the following sizes:

3 Liters	375 ml
1.5 Liters	187 ml
1 Liter	100 ml
750 ml	50 ml
500 ml	

- **WINE BOTTLED OR PACKED IN CONTAINERS OF 4 - 18 LITERS**

For wine bottled or packed in containers of 4 - 18 liters, the net contents must be expressed in even liters

### **APPLICATION**

The METRIC STANDARDS OF FILL apply to all wines EXCEPT:

Wine bottled or packed prior to January 1, 1979

Sake

Wine packed in containers of 18 liters or more

### **WINE BOTTLED OR PACKED BEFORE JANUARY 1, 1979**

- **NET CONTENTS**

For wine bottled or packed before January 1, 1979 in a nonstandard size (not one of the METRIC STANDARDS OF FILL), the net contents must be expressed:

In liters and decimal portions of a liter for containers of more than one liter

In milliliters for containers of less than one liter

- **DOCUMENTATION**

Documentation of bottling or packing prior to January 1, 1979 must accompany the application for certificate of label approval (COLA):

For American wine, documentation is a bottling record

For imported wine, documentation is a bottling date certificate issued by an authorized certifying official in the country of origin or country of bottling

## **SAKE**

For Sake not bottled in one of the METRIC STANDARDS OF FILL, the net contents must be expressed:

In liters and decimal portions of a liter for containers of more than one liter

In milliliters for containers of less than one liter

## **WINE PACKED IN CONTAINERS OF 18 LITERS OR MORE**

For wine packed in containers of 18 liters or more, the net contents must be expressed in liters and decimal portions of a liter

## **EQUIVALENTS**

The U.S. equivalent stated in fluid ounces for the metric size may also be shown on the label

The established U.S. equivalents for the METRIC STANDARDS OF FILL:

3 Liters (101 fl. oz.)	375 ml (12.7 fl. oz.)
1.5 Liters (50.7 fl. oz.)	187 ml (6.3 fl. oz.)
1 Liter (33.8 fl. oz.)	100 ml (3.4 fl. oz.)
750 ml (25.4 fl. oz.)	50 ml (1.7 fl. oz.)
500 ml (16.9 fl. oz.)	

Equivalents for nonstandard metric sizes must be:

Accurate to the nearest one-tenth of a fluid ounce for equivalents of 100 fluid ounces or less

Accurate to the nearest whole fluid ounce for equivalents of 100 fluid ounces or more

## **LABELING NOTE**

For wine not bottled in one of the metric standards of fill - the net contents statement must appear on the FRONT of the container